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A Brief Account of
CHARLEROY,

Besieged by the **FRENCH ARMY**

Under the Command of the

Duke of Luxemburgh.

5. Oct. 1693 Licensed according to Order.

THE Fortrefs of *Charleroy*, being Situated between the *French Kings* Two late Conquests, *Mons* and *Namure*, has Intercepted their Communication, and rendered those Places, in a Great measure Useless to the *French*, in their main Designs in the Campaign; the *Confederates* keeping a great Garrison in the Place, of at least Eight Thousand Effective Men; by which means not a Convoy durst stir to or from the said Garrisons. but they were Intercepted by the Governour of *Charleroy*: Upon which Account, after the Takeing of *Namure* twas generally expected that the *French King* would take the First Opportunity of Besieging this Place, but for divers Reasons he has either been diverted from it, or delayed the putting this Design in Execution, till the shutting up of the Campaign. Now this place, upon the Account of the Siege, being the general Discourse of the Town, I thought it would not be amiss to describe a Place which most Discourse of, yet few Know.

Charleroy is a Frontier Town in the Province of *Namure*, it was Built by the *Spaniards* in the Year 1666. (in Honour of *Charles*

Charles the 2^d the present King of Spain it was Surrendered to the *French* in the Year 1669. the Fort then not being strong enough to resist a Siege. It was afterwards extraordinary well Fortified by the *French*, by the Model and Direction of Monsieur *Vaubon* (the present Famous *Engineir*) by which means it became a considerable Hold; it was restored to the King of *Spain* by the Treaty of *Nimeguen*, since which the *Spaniards* have made many Additional Fortifications, and is now the strongest Town on that side the Countrey: 'Tis Scituated upon a rising Ground in the Exterior and *Western Angle* made by the meeting of the Rivers *Pieton* and *Sambre*, so that it has on the *South* the River *Sambre*, and on the *West* the River *Poyeton*, and on the *East* a deep Marsh, by which means it is Attackable on one side only, and that too is extraordinary well Fortified and Guarded with Forts; The Chief Fortifications of this Place are thus Named: The *Mons Gate*, the *Brussel Gate*, the *Tourney Gate*, the *Grand Horn Worke*, the *Half-Moon of Valonne*, the *Half-Moon of Coffree*, the *Half-Moon of Revallers*, the *Half-Moon of Brabantone*, the *Half-Moon of Tournay*, the *Flemish Half-moon*, the *Half-moon of Mons*, the *Luxemburg half-moon*, the *Hainault Bastion*, the *Burgundy Bastion*, the *Luxemburg Bastion*, &c. This Place stands Fourteen miles *West* of *Namure*, and Twenty one *East* of *Mons*. The Town it self is no way Considerable but by its Fortifications.

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